

REMARKS

The Applicants provisionally elect the invention as claimed Group I comprising Claim Nos. 1 – 37, without traverse.

Applicants retain the right to file Divisional patent applications on the subject matter as contained in non-elected Group Nos. II and III, namely, Claim Nos. 38 – 54 (Group II) and Claim Nos. 55 – 70 (Group III), respectively.

An examination on the merits of Claim Nos. 1 – 37 is hereby respectfully requested. If issues remain which may be resolved via a Telephone Hearing, the U.S. Patent Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned.

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